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SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO SMITHSONIAN AND FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE

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1. SINCE CONCEPTION ARASC, IDEA WAS TO NOMINATE THREE OR FOUR OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS FOR FOLLOWUP BCICA CONFERENCE. AJAYI AND AGIRI WERE OBVIOUS CHOICES. AN EQUALLY QUALIFIED "THIRD" CANDIDATE IS PROF. THEO VINCENT, WHO IS VERY WELL KNOWN TO RON CLIFTON AND LETITIA BROWN. VINCENT HAS PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN LOCAL COMMITTEE ARASC PREPARATIONS. FURTHERMORE, HE IS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE FOR PROPOSED NIGERIAN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION, WHICH POST HOPES WILL DEVELOP FROM ARASC (AND POSSIBLY EXPAND TO INCLUDE OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS). FOR FULL BIODATA, SEE 75 LAGOS 9451 AND 75 LAGOS 10161.

2. ALTHOUGH VINCENT WOULD BE MOST DESERVING CHOICE, WE HAD PLANNED TO AWAIT COMPLETION OF ARASC AND TAKE READING FROM RPC ON WHO SHOULD BE NOMINATED. HOWEVER, SINCE TIME IS RUNNING SHORT AND WE HAVE NO DOUBTS ABOUT VINCENT, WE HOPE ORGANIZERS AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE WILL BE ABLE TO INVITE HIM. HIS INCLUSION ALONG WITH AJAYI AND AGIRI IS PLANNED" WORKING SESSION" WOULD BE EFFECTIVE FOLLOWUP TO THE MANY MONTHS OF
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GESTATION OF ARASC AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE OBJECTIVE OF UPGRADING

AMERICAN STUDIES IN NIGERIAN HIGHER EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY GIVEN
CONFERENCE GOALS OUTLINED REF. B.

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